



# United Heckathorn Superfund Site

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United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, San Francisco

Richmond, California

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## SANTA FE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

### Key Questions and Answers

#### 1. *Where is the site located?*

The United Heckathorn Site is located at South Fourth Street between Cutting Blvd. and Wright Avenue in Richmond, California.

#### 2. *What contaminants are present at the site?*

Pesticides, primarily DDT, are present at the site in secured soil stockpiles, and in soil beneath the surface. Pesticides are also present in marine sediments, particularly in the Lauritzen Channel.

#### 3. *Do these contaminants pose a threat to the surrounding neighborhood?*

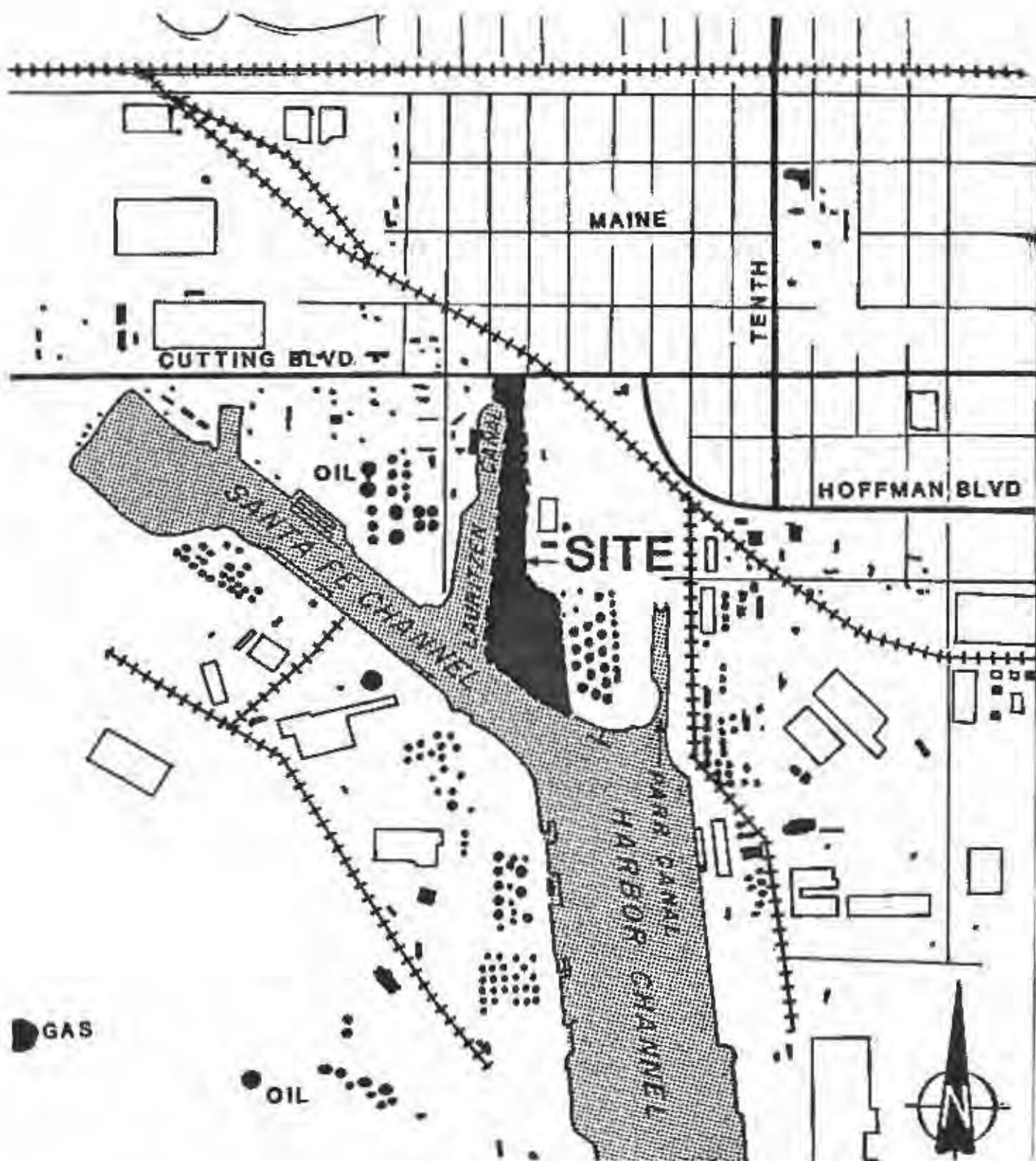
EPA and the State have extensively monitored the air, soil, sediments and marine life at the site. Based on this information, EPA believes that there is no health threat to surrounding neighborhoods of a release to the air from the contaminants at the site. However, contaminants have been measured in fish and shellfish in the Lauritzen Channel at levels exceeding Federal limits. Warning signs have been posted in the Lauritzen Channel and around the former United Heckathorn site. These signs are currently in English and Spanish and will also be translated into Vietnamese and Laotian.

#### 4. *What will EPA do to solve the problems at the site?*

EPA has already removed over 95% of the contamination from the ground at the site. EPA is considering removing all remaining stockpiled soil from the site in the next 90 to 120 days. EPA will notify the City of Richmond and the Santa Fe Neighborhood Association in advance and provide an opportunity for the public to confer before taking action. EPA has also begun an investigation of the threat posed to fish and wildlife by contaminated marine sediments. EPA's investigation of all site conditions is targeted for completion in May 1993. A report evaluating cleanup approaches for the site is scheduled to be completed in late December 1993. EPA will then select the final cleanup measures for the site with full public participation.

#### 5. *Who can I contact for additional information?*

Contact Dorothy Wilson by calling (415) 744-2179, or by calling  
1 (800) 231-3075 toll free and leaving a message.



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